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1. LOCAL LAO NEWSPAPER VIENTIANE MAI CARRIED THREE SEPARATE ARTICLES DECEMBER 31 ANNOUNCING NEW AID TO LAOS FROM THE U.S.S.R., NORTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA.

2. FROM THE SOVIET UNION. ACCORDING TO LAO NEWSPAPER, AT THE REQUEST OF THE NEW LAO GOVERNMENT, THE USSR HAS DECIDED TO GIVE LAOS MATERIAL, SPARE PARTS AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO ASSURE NORMAL TRANSPORT (NOT FURTHER SPECIFIED; SOVIETS ARE ALREADY PROVIDING INTERNAL AIR TRANSPORT FOR LAO OFFICIALS). THE U.S.S.R. WILL SEND A TEAM OF UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPERTS IN AIR TRANSPORT TO LAOS. THE U.S.S.R. WILL

ALSO FURNISH TO LAOS FREE DURING 1976 THE FOLLOWING GOODS: MINING EQUIPMENT, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ITEMS SUCH AS TANK TRUCKS, AVIATION GAS, OIL, CORRUGATED IRON, AND CONSUMER GOODS SUCH AS CANNED FOOD, MILK, FLOUR, MEDICINE, DETERGENT, CLOTH AND OTHER BASIC NECESSITIES. ACCORDING TO VIENTIANE MAI THIS MERCHANDISE WILL BE DISPATCHED TO LAOS EARLY IN 1976.

3. FROM NORTH VIETNAM. ALSO ACCORDING TO THE VIENTIANE PRESS, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR IN LAOS TOLD THE LAO AUTHORITIES DECEMBER 30 THAT HANOI HAD DECIDED TO MAKE A GIFT OF CERTAIN MERCHANDISE TO LAOS. THIS MERCHANDISE INCLUDES RICE, SALT, CEMENT, TEXTILES, CLOTHING, MEDICINE AND SO FORTH. THE AMOUNTS WERE NOT SPECIFIED. THE MERCHANDISE IS TO BE FORWARDED TO LAOS AT THE BEGINNING OF 1976. NORTH VIETNAM ANNOUNCED AT THE SAME TIME THAT IT WILL ESTABLISH COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH LAOS AND WILL BUY 17 MILLION DONG WORTH OF LAO GOODS.

4. FROM CAMBODIA. VIENTIANE MAI CARRIED AN ARTICLE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT HAD INFORMED THE LAO DELEGATION THAT VISITED CAMBODIA IN MID-DECEMBER THAT CAMBODIA WILL GIVE LAOS THREE THOUSAND TONS OF RICE, TO CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS IN LAOS. CAMBODIA WILL DELIVER THE RICE AS FAR AS ITS FRONTIER. DELIVERIES WILL COMMENCE IN EARLY 1976.
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